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## Portfolio Category 2. Author's Purpose-B

### Question 1 of 5

Did you know that some plants eat animals? These plants are called carnivorous plants. There are hundreds of different kinds, and they grow all over the world. One of the most famous is the Venus flytrap. When a fly walks across the leaf, it moves a hair trigger. This causes the leaf to close around the fly, trapping it. The leaf begins to dissolve the fly. The plant gets its food from the body of the fly as it dissolves.

What is the author's purpose in writing this story?

- ☐ A. to tell a funny story
- ☐ B. to make you cry
- ☐ C. to tell a joke
- ☐ D. to give you facts

### Question 2 of 5

David enjoys playing in his backyard with his dog, Ginger. Their favorite thing to play is football. Ginger knows to go past the little maple tree to score a touchdown. She also knows not to let David go past the big oak tree, or he will score a touchdown. When Ginger tackles David, she is as gentle as a mother hugging her baby. David feels lucky to have a dog as wonderful as Ginger.

Why did the author write this story?

- ☐ A. to pass the time
- ☐ B. to entertain
- ☐ C. to inform
- ☐ D. to persuade

### Question 3 of 5

The buffalo was the main source of food for the Plains Indians. However, it provided more than food. The hide was used to make clothing and shoes. It was also stretched around a frame of sticks to make a tepee, or shelter. Even the bones of the buffalo were used to make tools. The buffalo supplied the basic needs of the Plains Indians.

Why did the author write this passage?

- ☐ A. to persuade
- ☐ B. to inform
- ☐ C. to entertain
- ☐ D. to trick

#### Question 4 of 5

Robert, Roberto, and Roberta were in their classroom. Their teacher gave them a note to go to the office. Why were they going to the office? What had they done?

Slowly, they walked to the door. As they walked down the hallway, their footsteps got slower and slower. They opened the office door. They began to laugh and smile. There were big bunches of balloons in the office. The balloons had their names on them. They looked at each other. How could they have forgotten this special day?

What is the author's purpose for this story?

- ☐ A. to inform
- ☐ B. to entertain
- ☐ C. to persuade
- ☐ D. to show how

#### Question 5 of 5

##### "Primates"

Primates include monkeys and apes. They have binocular vision. That means that they have a wider range of sight than humans. Each primate family has its own traits. When you go to the zoo and spot a primate hanging by its tail, it is a New World monkey. Only New World monkeys have tails that let them hold on to branches as if the tail was another arm or leg. What would be the reason for reading this paragraph?

- ☐ A. to be entertained
- ☐ B. to be informed
- ☐ C. to be persuaded
- ☐ D. to hear a funny story